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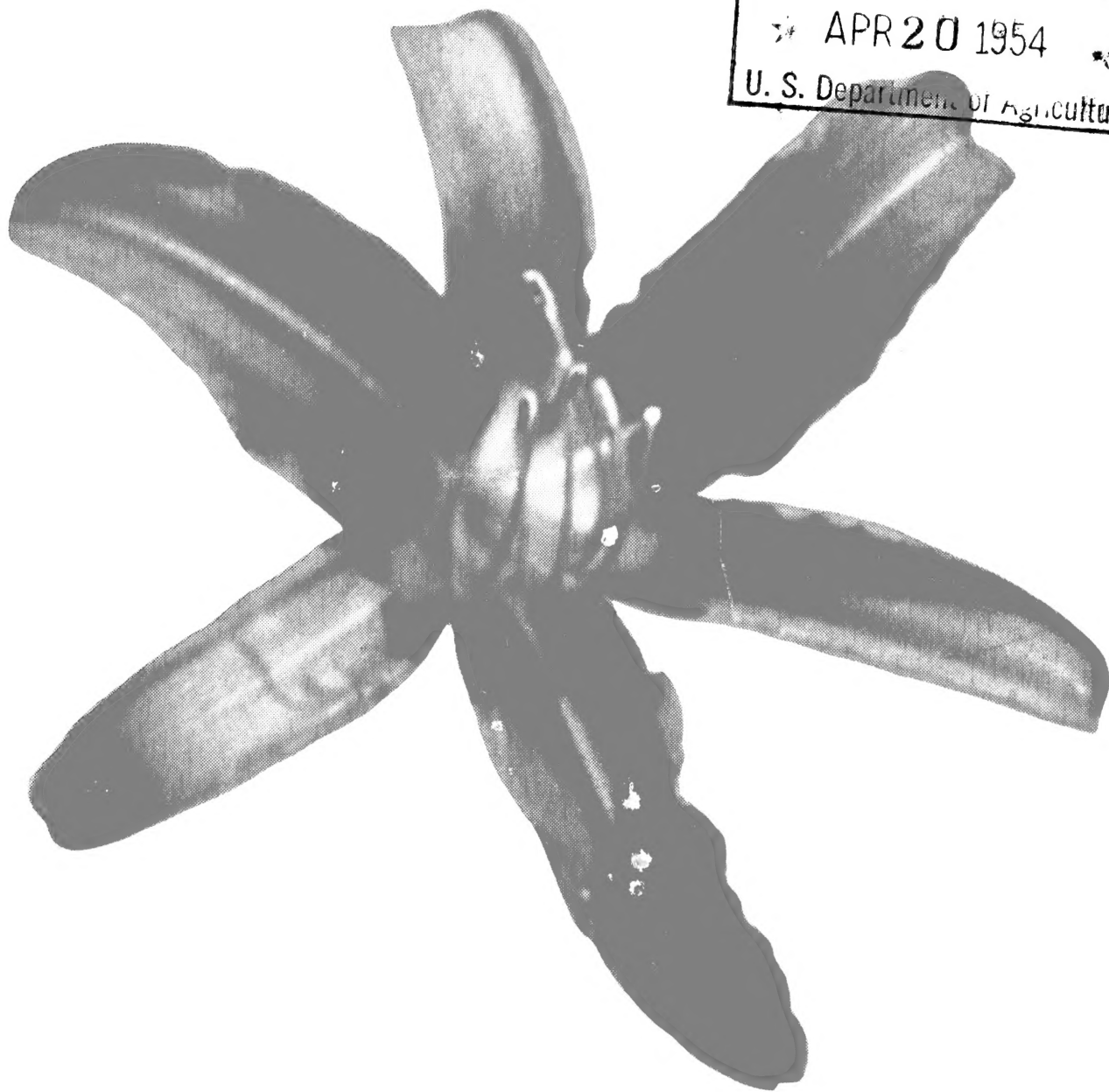
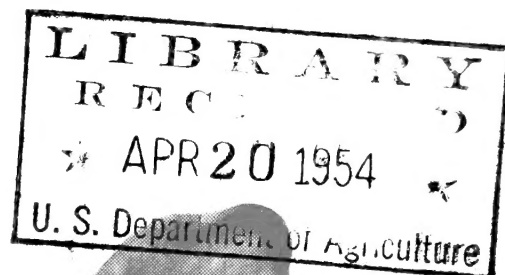
VERMONT

# DAYLILIES

VIGOROUS

(HEMEROCALLIS)

1954



*Red Spider*

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**SHREWSBURY GARDENS**

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## *Shrewsbury Gardens . . . .*

is entering a new phase of development in 1954 in adding to the extent of the growing season by moving quite a number of selected seedlings for faster increase to Florida at Apopka, the center of the best growing area in the South. Though the hybridizing program will always be carried on in Vermont, seedlings selected for possible introduction will be grown both North and South, not only for faster increase but also that clones may be compared as to performance in two very different situations. Many daylilies are definitely regional performers and this can be reported to buyers of new introductions both fairly and surely. For instance, my own TOWN HILL, tall and bright in the North, is a muddy-colored runt in the South and should never be grown there. On the other hand TIGER EYE, prolific and dependably handsome in the North, is rated as excellent in the Agricultural Extension Bulletin "Daylilies in Florida." RED SPIDER, slow of increase in the North seems to come on faster in the South where it gives dependable remontant blooms over a long season. MALAGA, OXHEART and SALT ASH, moved South in the autumn of 1953, seem quite at home and may possibly thrive well enough to allow a limited distribution in the late summer of 1955.

This new approach to one's growing allows more latitude in some respects and less in others. As a result I shall release completely and in entirety, except for one single division for the originator, numbered clones which seem highly worthy to me, to interested daylily breeders who may wish to introduce into their own breeding programs these rock-hardy Vermont originations. It is also my thought that there may well be home gardeners who would like to have a flower individually their own to control and share with their friends. The purpose of this distribution is primarily so that excellent clones which time does not permit me to develop further may have good growing conditions and a seasoned eye on them to estimate their value both in hybridizing and as a possible commercial introduction. Selected with extreme care for my own reputation I give the assurance of full refund of the purchase price if at the end of two growing seasons the buyer feels he did not receive full value for his money. By growing on one single division myself I shall be able to determine if I wish the clone returned to me in such a circumstance at my own expense. No part of any of these, of course, have gone out from my own garden. My only demand is that if any of these clones are introduced commercially and properly registered by name with The Hemerocallis Society I shall be credited with their origination.

I shall hope to see a number of you in Vermont this summer in mid-July when the named varieties and seedling beds are at their height but if you should be passing earlier or later there still will be something of interest to see. I wish to emphasize again that I will not dig orders to be taken from Shrewsbury Gardens on the day anyone may drop by, for it seems to me essential procedure that plants should be dug and shipped the same day and so digging is done on an accumulation of orders to be completed in one day. For the best service to all customers equally this rule must be strictly observed.

A good growing season to all in 1954; North, East, South and West.

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## VERMONT **DAYLILIES** VIGOROUS

- ADAGIO (Russell). An unusually brilliant red, with deeper eye-zone, small yellow throat. Keeps well when cut. 36 in. June-July. \$1.00
- AUGUST ORANGE (Stout). Excellent small late orange. 36 in. Aug-Sept. \$1.00
- AUGUST PIONEER (Stout). Chrome, delicate red flush on petals, 36 in. Aug-Sept. \$.50
- BAGDAD (Stout). Orange throat, petals copper-red over orange, madder mid-zone. Fragrant. 40 in. July-Aug. \$.50
- BAGGETTE (Russell). A favorite pale yellow and lilac bicolor 36 in. July-Aug. \$1.50
- BEACON FLAME (Nesmith). Graceful flowers of Jasper red. 36 in. July. \$1.00
- BELLE OF GEORGIA (Russell). Pale yellow overcast with the color and markings of a ripe peach. 30 in. July-Aug. \$.50
- BICOLOR (Stout). Red and yellow bicolor. 40 in. July. \$.75
- BIJOU (Stout). Small orange, fulvous overcast. 30 in. July. \$.50
- BLACK PRINCE (Russell). Deep black-red with small cup of deep yellow. 40 in. July. \$1.00
- BOUTONNIERE (Stout). Multiflora blend of peach-rose and orange. 36 in. Aug-Sept. \$.50
- BROWNEYED SUSAN (E. Hill). Golden yellow, brown eye-zone. 36 in. July. \$1.00
- BRUNETTE (Stout). The earliest dark-zoned flower, brown-red petals. 28 in. May-June. \$.50
- CAPISTRANO (Milliken). Large recurved light yellow, dusted light red. Wide petaled. 36 in. June-July. \$1.00
- CAPRICE (Stout). Early rich brown-red flower with cadmium throat. 24 in. May-June. \$1.00
- CHISCA (Fisher). Frosty maize sepals, Indian-red petals. 36 in. July. \$.50
- CIRCE (Stout). Light yellow medium-sized flowers, well-branched. 40 in. July. \$.50

- CONFUCIUS (Bechtold). Burnished orange, cinnamon overcast. Large trumpet, open bloom. 40 in. July. \$1.00
- CRESSIDA (Betscher). Deep orange with tinge of fulvous-red undercast toward throat. 36 in. July. \$.50
- DAWN PLAY (Nesmith). Velvety deep rose with golden throat. 36 in. July. \$2.00
- DIXIE BELLE (Russell). Recurved deep rose-red flower with green-yellow throat. 40 in. July. \$1.00
- ELFIN (Stout). Early gold-flowered dwarf, large flowers. Excellent in forefront of border. 20 in. May-June. \$2.00
- FESTIVAL (Stout). Enchanting bicolor. Sepals brown-orange, English-red petals with darker veins and bright orange mid-rib. Fragrant. Open evenings. 40 in. July. \$.75
- FRANK NYE (Merry). Strong-growing, non-fading orange. 40 in. July. \$1.50
- GOLDEN SCEPTER (Nesmith). Deep Indian-yellow with heavy substance. 42 in. July. \$1.00
- HIAWATHA (Stout). Medium clear gold-orange blooms on well-branched scapes. Open evenings. Fragrant. 40 in. June-July. \$.75
- HONEY REDHEAD (Nesmith). Flaring bright velvet red flowers with creamy borders. 38 in. July-Aug. \$1.00
- HYPERION (Mead). One of the good old favorites in canary yellow. Needs afternoon shade. 40 in. July. \$.50
- JACKPOT (Russell). Well-rounded flowers of rich Indian-red with darker veining. 36 in. July. \$.75
- JEAN (McDade). Late bright red and yellow bicolor. 40 in. Aug. \$1.50
- JUDGE ORR (Orr). Fine early orange-yellow. 36 in. June. \$1.00
- LINDA (Stout). Large blooms; crinkled yellow petals with rosy cinnamon flecking. A beauty. 40 in. July-Aug. \$.50
- LYDIA (Russell). Deep pink-yellow blend lightening to pale yellow with pinkish flush for evening bloom. 40 in. June-July. \$.75
- MARGARET (Cook). Large buff-yellow. Very handsome 40 in. July. \$1.00
- MARGUERITE PALMER (Russell). Rounded bloom with overlapping petals of soft red, rich cardinal eye-zone. Yellow sepals overcast with red. 30 in. June-July. \$.75

- MATADOR (Nesmith). Mahogany with rich red flush on petals. Very effective. 36 in. July-Aug. \$1.75
- MIKADO (Stout). Early-blooming orange with red-purple eye-zone. 36 in. June-July. \$.50
- MINNIE (Hayward). Medium-small velvety henna-red with glistening sheen. 36 in. July. \$1.00
- MOLLY CAIN (Russell). Well-formed nasturtium-red with garnet-brown eye-zone. A flashing, compelling flower. 40 in. June-July. \$.75
- MONARCH (Stout). Star-like cadmium yellow blooms with a delicate halo of fulvous orange in the mid-zone. 36 in. July. \$.75
- MOONRAY (Nesmith). Pale yellow with small halo of Pompeian red. Good evenings. 30 in. July-Aug. \$1.00
- MRS. HUGH JOHNSON (Russell). Fiery red with satiny finish and small yellow throat. Sun-fast and open evenings. 36 in. July. \$1.00
- MT. VERNON (Russell). Full lemon flower overcast with coral rose. Profuse bloomer. 30 in. July-Aug. \$1.00
- NEBRASKA (Sass). Rich apricot-yellow. 36 in. July. \$.50
- OPHIR (Farr). Fine golden-yellow. 48 in. July-Aug. \$.50
- PAINTED LADY (Russell). Large full-petaled flower of cinnamon brown and yellow on flushed red. 36 in. July. \$2.00
- PATHFINDER (Russell). Shapely pink-orange flower, garnet eye-zone. 40 in. July. \$.75
- PETRA (Nesmith). Full-petaled, slightly ruffled ruby-maroon. 34 in. July. \$2.00
- PURPLE BAR (Russell). A medium-sized rich wine-toned flower. An effective accent. 36 in. June-July. \$.75
- PURPLE FINCH (Nesmith). Glowing red with a darker purple flush. Full and recurved. 40 in. July-Aug. \$2.00
- PURPLE WATERS (Russell). Wine-purple with green throat. Exceptional grower. 36 in. July. \$.75
- RED SPIDER (Johnson). Rich red with small pomegranate eye-zone, tiny gold throat with drop of green. Spidery red airy accent with no hint of brown. 30 in. June-July. \$3.50
- ROYAL BEAUTY (Taylor). Recurved rose-purple with fine substance. 40 in. July-Aug. \$2.00

- ROYALTY (Nesmith). Velvety maroon with blackish sheen. 40 in. July-Aug. \$1.50
- RUSSELL'S GLADIATOR (Russell). Deep golden-yellow with wide salmon-buff eye-zone and a rich green throat. 40 in. June-July. \$.75
- RUSSELL'S MINUET (Russell). A dwarf daylily with overlapping rich rose petals with a wide yellow stripe down the center. Pale canary sepals. 20 to 34 in. June-July. \$.75
- SIDE SHOW (Russell). Very wide overlapping petals of gold with a spot of green in the throat. 30 in. July. \$2.50
- SKYLARK (Russell). A thick-textured lemon flower with faint green throat. Recurved blooms last well into the evening. 36 in. July. \$1.50
- SPRING PARADE (Russell). Lovely raspberry wine flower. Twisted petals. 30 in. July. \$.75
- STREAMLINER (Russell). Gold-orange flower, garnet-brown eye-zone. 40 in. June-July. \$.75
- SU-LIN (Nesmith). Pale mauve and creamy yellow bicolor. Very handsome. 36 in. July. \$1.50
- SWEETBRIAR (Nesmith). Large and wide-petaled rose-pink. A lovely flower. 40 in. July. \$1.00
- TARA (Nesmith). Widely flaring rose-red flowers. 36 in. July. \$1.00
- TEJAS (Russell). Brilliant red flowers with velvety sheen. 36 in. July. \$.75
- THERON (Stout). Deep wine-red with gracefully twisted petals. 36 in. July. \$.75
- THOROBRED (Nesmith). Lily-like red flowers. Well-branched stalks carry bloom for a long season. July-Aug. 36 in. \$1.00
- TIGER EYE (Johnson). Deep chrome with chimney-red eye-zone. 36 in. July-Aug. \$1.25
- TOP ROW (Russell). Golden-yellow with wide gold-flecked cinnamon eye-zone. 30 in. July. \$.75
- TOWN HILL (Johnson). Blend of nasturtium-rose over yellow ground. Not good in the South. 40 in. July. \$2.00
- ULYSSES (Dennett). Narrow-petaled madder-brown with rich purple eye-zone. A dark accent for the back of the border. 48 in. July-Aug. \$1.00



# *Culture and Care of Daylilies*

A good garden soil that is neither extremely acid or sweet, whatever its texture, will suit the daylily well. But proper use of composted manure or fertilizer makes an amazing difference. When planting, a good bit of organic fertilizer worked into the soil often means a year less for it to reach peak blooming performance which generally may be counted on in the third year. Spreading the roots and setting the plant so that the union of foliage and root is one inch under the ground when properly settled is an essential.

When the plant becomes unduly crowded so that bloom is adversely affected, division should be drastic. All old roots which are no longer of use should be cleaned out, the young roots as well as the foliage reduced by half, then the plant re-set in prepared ground. Plants so handled, will soon surpass plants divided and set with the entire root system untouched. They apparently like being challenged.

Daylilies need little care outside of careful weeding for the first year and as much as is needed for appearance's sake in following years. The rootlets come close to the surface and cultivation should be shallow. Unless they are planted in the autumn they are best off without any protection other than their own foliage which should be left with them until the spring clean-up.

Daylilies thrive best in sun, but the darker ones are more truly lovely if they are partially shaded during the brightest hours of the day. Proper placement is a personal challenge. With careful choice of colors daylilies are handsome with irises, peonies, delphinium, phlox and chrysanthemums. The dark varieties should never be clumped together but built up as individuals through the use of the yellow and gold varieties.

Shipment of daylilies will be made during the months of May through September. Transportation is paid on all orders amounting to \$3.00 or more, otherwise please add 35c for packing and postage.

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